

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports Program, Inc.****Project Title:**

Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports Program, Inc. - Sports Program Support

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000

Future Funding May Be Requested

House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**Brief Project Description:**

Provide support for the Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports program and team.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports Program provides an important opportunity for Alaska's disabled veterans to participate in athletic events across the United States. In 2006, the games were hosted in Alaska.

The ADVSP works with groups to provide athletic and recreational opportunities for disabled veterans. These events and programs are critical to the quality of life and health of Alaskans that have bravely served our country.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will occur in 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports Program (ADVSP), Inc.

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The Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports Program has provided a group of people that strongly want to represent the State of Alaska in National Sport Events. The Alaska team travels all over the United States to participate with teams from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Great Britain. ADVSP has and will provide our Veterans with the opportunity to participate in the largest veteran winter sporting event in Aspen, CO. The VA Summer Wheelchair Games are for disabled veterans with loss of limbs, Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal cord injury and many more neurological issues. As you may all know, the 2006 games were held in Alaska and participants from across the world enjoyed the competition so much they hope Alaska will host the games again in the not so distant future. Many participants plan to return to Alaska to visit more of our great state. The VA Golden Age Games are for veterans over the age of 55 years. We work with Challenge Alaska to provide many opportunities for disabled veterans to explore Alaska's great wilderness including skiing opportunities. The best thing about our program is we don't let our disabilities take charge over our lives. We want to show all disabled veterans they are able to participate in sporting and hunting events around the state as well as the nation. Staying involved in life's activities is a promising and relaxing way to overcome a disability.

Alaska has a large number of veterans and we at ADVSP try very hard to get veterans out to have fun and participate in sporting events with other veterans. ADVSP works with the Alaska VA Clinic by providing a location for a VA physical therapist from Seattle to help the Alaskan Veterans; this is in part due to the lack of an Alaska VA Recreational therapy clinic, an Alaska VA Physical therapy clinic and the lack of financial support for disabled veteran athletes to participate in therapeutical sporting events.

It takes a lot of funding to purchase the specialized sporting equipment to provide training, transportation and lodging of our Veterans and accompanying support volunteers to participate in these international events.

ADVSP is asking for your financial support to assist with funding of our 2008 programs and future events. Our plans for 2008 and years to come will include a broad media program to further introduce disabled Veterans to the recreational opportunities available and increase awareness of the National Veterans events.

We hope to encourage Alaskans to support our veterans both financially and in spirit. We would love to have more of an Alaskan audience at the events including our respected legislators. We hope all will honor the dedication of Alaska's veterans as they have served their country well. Thank you for your monetary support of ADVSP and our 501-C-3 tax identification number is available upon request.

Sincerely,

Trelane D. Mc Kinney
President